

II. General

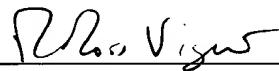
The Office Action mailed July 11, 2002, sets forth 2 separate terminal disclaimer requirements with respect to the present application. Specifically, the present claims are rejected therein under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over the claims of Applicant's prior patent numbers 5,801,944 and 6,208,980. In the personal interview of October 24, 2002, the Examiner withdrew the obviousness type double patenting rejection of the present claims with respect to patent number 5,801,944. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1321.(c) only with respect to patent number 6,208,980.

III. Summary

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass this application to issue.

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